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# The Elba Clipper

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## Taking one last backward glance at 2000 before entering 2001

It has been said that by looking at the past, we can glimpse into the future. "History repeats itself." If the above is indeed true, then let's pause and take a brief look at where we have been this past year and maybe gain some insight as to what our future holds.

As is the tradition with *The Elba Clipper*, we would like to review the past year by listing the following brief excerpts and/or headlines from the front pages of 2000 editions of the *Clipper*.

They are as follows:

### JANUARY

**January 6** - "Dropping the Ball" - At midnight last Friday night, the citizens of Elba said goodbye to 1999 with the dropping of the lighted ball from the top of the historic courthouse in downtown Elba. •New Brockton contracts with Coffee County EMS to provide emergency medical services; Area utilities report no Y2K problems and all is good for 2000.

**January 13** - "Elba resident voices opposition to proposed location of new Elba post office" - not wanted on Claxton Avenue; Longtime Coffee County Circuit Clerk Jim Ellis retires effective January 18, 2000; •Five county residents arrested for failure to comply with garbage law; •Deadlock vote leaves Co. Rd. 709 as is - no change in number.

**January 20** - "Head-on collision kills one" - Last Thursday, a late model Pontiac driven by Joel Alan Swasey, 17, of Enterprise collided with a tractor-trailer north of Enterprise on AL Hwy. 167 killing him; •County BOE takes no action on prayer group's request to meet during school hours; •Skinner's Furniture closing 16 stores - one of which was the Elba store; •Janice McCall named interim Circuit Clerk.

**January 27** - "Governor's Long range Disaster Recovery and Avoidance Task Force hears encouraging reports from several local and state officials; •Jeremy Gathie found guilty of attempted murder in the shooting death of Leighanne Manning Cuts; •U. S. Postal service to advertise for site and builder for new Elba Facility.

### FEBRUARY

**February 3** - "Elba native Cynthia Daniels Sellers distinguished in education field; •Dorsey Trailers announces 1999 income up - sales increase 15%; •GTE corrects software error in billing - some customers received overcharges due to software coding errors; •James I. Kelley retires from The National Security Group Inc. after 46 years of service.

**February 10** - "New Brockton Town Council approves council pay hike and signs emergency services contract with Coffee County EMS; •U. S. Senator Richard Shelby to address Coffee County residents at county meeting; •(Picture)Recently, State Senator Jimmy Holley and State Representative Terry Spicer presented the Elba Elementary PTO with a check for \$10,000.

**February 17** - "Superintendent of Elba City Schools Charles Pearce hands in resignation; Elba City Council updated on Federal Emergency Management Agency's drainage project; •Coffee County Commission parks twelve vehicles; •The trees around the perimeter of the courthouse square in downtown Elba were removed and will be replaced with "more suitable ones."

**February 24** - "Kleinert's Incorporated of Alabama decides to produce all goods offshore; •Stiffer law in the making against making bomb threats; •U. S. Senator Richard Shelby talks to residents over breakfast; •Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsors team clean-up day

and plant-a-tree.

### MARCH

**March 2** - "(Picture) Let We Forget - A solemn anniversary was observed yesterday, March 1, 2000. It was 21 years ago that Coffee County Sheriff C. E. "Neil" Grantham was murdered in cold blood in front of the jail; •Coffee County commission limits work on Zion Chapel ballpark and nixes E-911 dispatcher assistance;

**March 9** - "Coffee County's Chief Real Property Appraiser facing DUI charge; •Third Brunson (W. L. "Bill" Brunson) elected to head National Security Insurance Co.; •PSC Commissioner Jan Cook & GTE reps meet public; •Coffee County BOE reviews construction sites (new classrooms) at Zion Chapel and New Brockton

**March 16** - "Coffee County Commission fires county's chief real property appraiser; •Two escapes from the Coffee County Jail captured after 36 hours of freedom; •The Elba City Council moved one step closer to getting a critical need drainage project underway in Elba; •(Picture) Flowered squares being constructed on square in downtown Elba.

**March 23** - "(Picture)Contestants in the Miss Elba and Zion Chapel pageants last Saturday night entertained the crowd by performing a dance number; •Alabama Main Street Program for revitalization of downtown Elba in communities explained; •City of Elba receives grant from Governor's office for two new police cars; •Coffee County - Elba Division grand jury returns 32 indictments; •Piggly-Wiggly Mid-South, Inc. employees buy company.

**March 30** - "City of Elba receives \$106,580 grant to begin impoundment study on Beaver Dam and Moore's Creek drainage problems; •Gary Watson announces candidacy for Coffee County Probate Judge; •Winzell Gray enters District 5 commissioner race; •Daylight Savings Time begins Saturday.

### APRIL

**April 6** - "Warning siren interrupts New Brockton Town council's monthly meeting Monday evening; •Alabama's legendary "Big" Ruby Folsom Ellis Austin dies at age 87; •Area law enforcement officials looking for two missing youths; David Adam Lamb, 16, and Ashley Tanay Lamb, 15.

**April 13** - "Jack teenager - Kacy Lee Clark - dies in one-car crash; •\$1.6 million Elba Nursing Home expansion and renovation project announced; •Dean Blair announces candidacy for County Commission District One seat; •Robert Stephens seeking re-election to District 3 Seat on County Commission.

**April 20** - "•\$1.5 million lawsuit against county pending - lawsuit filed by former juvenile probation Officer Eva McGrath-Love; •Gladys Yelverton seeking Democratic nomination for probate judge; •Linda Westbrook seeking re-election to District 1 Seat on commission; •Disappearance of local teenagers results in the arrest of an Opp man.

**April 27** - "County Commissioners discuss pay raises and pending court cases; •County BOE members stand firm on present non-curriculum club policy; •(Picture)Determined young man, Thomas McBride, achieves goal; •(Picture) More ballpark funds (\$10,000) presented to Zion Chapel High School by State Sen. Jimmy Holley and State Rep. Terry Spicer.

### MAY

**May 4** - "•\$10 million claim filed against county in the death of Jack

teenager Kacy Clark; •Dorsey Trailers turn profit in first quarter; •Mickey Counts seeks Democratic nomination for Circuit Clerk; •New Brockton Town Council denies claim in connection with car-trash truck collision.

**May 11** - "County Commission debates hiring of appraiser; •Elba City BOE moves closer to naming new school superintendent; •Kayo Lewis seeking re-election to District 2 seat on commission; •(Picture) Governor Don Siegelman signed into law a special bill allowing the City of Elba to construct and operate a fiber optic cable TV system.

**May 18** - "(Picture)Five-year old dies - a one-vehicle crash last Thursday evening took the life of Zachary David Roberts, age 5, of Barbour County. The incident occurred shortly after 4 p.m. approximately 13 miles north of Elba on AL Hwy. 87 in the Jack Community; •Judge sets a "no-delay" trial date for Russell William Cuts, Jr. who stands accused of murdering his father and step-mother.

**May 25** - "Three die in mobile home fire in New Brockton - Daniel Lee Capps, 26, died while trying to save his son, William Daniel Capps, 3, and daughter, Camryn Julia Capps, 2 from the burning structure; •Commission and Revenue Commissioner remain at odds on appraiser position; •Jury returns verdict in favor of Wal-Mart over Elba couple; •Elba City BOE names Danny Weeks to serve as new superintendent.

### JUNE

**June 1** - "Elba man, Larry Burks, age 39, dies from gunshot wound; •Lynn Weeks appointed to state's crisis response team created by Alabama State Department of Education; •Automobile liability insurance mandatory - stiff fine in store for individuals failing to comply with new law; •Coffee County BOE names Lawrence Vickers as new Zion Chapel High School Principal.

**June 8** - "Search heights for missing man - Wayne Douglas Bryan missing for nearly five years; •Coffee County's voter turn-out light (22 percent) for Democratic and Republican primary election held Tuesday; •Local municipalities gearing up for upcoming election; •(Picture)Kleinert's opens Buster Brown store.

**June 15** - "Drought awes Gov. Don Siegelman & officials - Siegelman in touring Southeast Alabama likens it unto the Sahara Desert; •County Commission approves \$1.2 million bond sale and lets contract on cell #5 at the county's landfill; •Elba City Council accepts bid on flood buy-out house and hears complaint on police officer.

**June 22** - "Authorities halt search for Wayne Douglas Bryan - Burns vs Commission hearing set for Sept. 19th; •Grimes announces candidacy for re-election as Mayor of Elba; •Bill Brunson to serve as Elba BOE chairman for next 12 months; •Coffee County Jail escapee captured in Fayetteville, NC after 48 hours of freedom.

**June 29** - "County Commission deals with bids and jail; •(Picture)Tragedy Strikes - Last Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Birdie Rushing was on her way home from work when the unimaginable happened. A large pine tree fell across the top of her car, crushing it, and causing her death; •Mickey Counts wins run-off race for Democratic nomination for Circuit Clerk.

### JULY

**July 6** - "Elba BOE names Mike Williams as principal of Elba High School; •Construction projects (new classrooms) on county schools'

campuses nearing completion; •Area farmers still in drought trouble even with the recent appearance of rain showers; •Elba man (Keith Shintell Tyson, age 20) arrested on robbery charges.

**July 13** - "County commission goes behind closed doors to discuss pending legal action - Minor adjustments made to three-year paving plan; •City of Elba - No funds approved for levee repair; •Elba man (Anton Smith, 32) charged with 2 counts of 1st degree rape; David Bandstra seeking District 2 Seat on Elba City Council.

**July 20** - "County classroom ready for students; •(Picture) With temperatures hitting 106 degrees, youngsters head for the local swimming pool to cool off; •H. H. Culver announces candidacy for District 3 Seat on city council; •Candidate qualifying in the mayor and city council races in Elba, New Brockton and Kinston ended July 18.

**July 27** - "Coffee County Commission looking at garbage options; •(Picture) Groundbreaking for new speculative industrial building in Elba Industrial Park held Tuesday morning; •Elba City BOE hires new staff members; •L.M. Burch announces candidacy for Elba City Council - District 1; •Ben Carpenter seeking re-election to District 4 Seat on Elba City Council.

### AUGUST

**August 3** - "Large crowd in Opp Chamber of Commerce meeting room told by state highway officials that U. S. Hwy. 84 four-laning project is on schedule; •Charles Cole announces candidacy for office of Mayor of New Brockton; •Elba City BOE holds special meeting to fill three vacant staff positions.

**August 10** - "Paul Morrow retires from Dorsey Trailers after 41 years of service; •Yellow Dog Democrat Bill Stokes honored; •Ronnie Hammond seeking re-election to District 5 seat on Elba City Council; •(Picture) New hair and nail salon - Head 2 Toe opens in shopping center on AL 203 By-pass.

**August 17** - "Municipal elections for Elba, New Brockton and Kinston set for Tuesday; •(Picture)City of Elba's election manager, Herby McCall tests the voting machine to be used in Tuesday's municipal election; •Elba City Council honors girl's softball teams for state winnings; •Coffee County BOE approves \$13.3 million budget; •Weatherization program made available to Coffee County Citizens.

**August 24** - "Municipal voters choose 2000-2001 leaders; •Elba City BOE approves \$6.54 million budget; •Four arrested on drug charges in Perry Store Community; •(Picture) The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority provided funds in the amount of \$5,500 toward the installation of an outdoor warning siren for the Zion Chapel community.

**August 31** - "(Picture) Sutley's Furniture holds ribbon cutting ceremony at old Skinner's Furniture location on the square in downtown Elba; •Funding approved for water authority - \$6.2 million coming to county soon; •Charles B. Cole elected Mayor of New Brockton; •Former chief real property appraiser for county found guilty of DUI charge; •Elba man (Jimmie Lynn Hamilton, Jr. 43) drowns in swimming pool.

### SEPTEMBER

**September 7** - "Elba voters return to polls Tuesday - only voters in Districts 1, 3, 4 & 5 to vote; •First U. S. Hwy. 84 meeting set for September 1; •County grand jury hands down eighty-four indictments; •Kinston teenagers facing rape and

sodomy charges plus drug charges; •(Picture)Waylon Sharpless presents a \$8,500 check to Mayor James Grimes on behalf of the Southeast Alabama Gas District - the monies will go toward the construction of the city's "spec building."

**September 14** - "Winners (Burch, Culver, Spicer and Hammond) in Tuesday's run-off election; •Preparations for four-laning of U. S. 84 beginning; •Coffee County Schools' enrollment down 42 from last year's numbers; •New Brockton Town Council zips through long meeting agenda - elects to put garbage collection contract out for bid.

**September 21** - "Governor makes brief visit to county pointing out the disparity of many rural bridges in Alabama; •Gammill re-elected as Coffee County Probate Judge; •John Coffee D.A.R. & Wiregrass S.A.R. Chapters honor Head and Till; •Elba City School Board battles finances and lunchroom problems.

**September 28** - "County's FY-2000-2001 budget nears \$12 million - State offers commission \$500,000 for county's health facility; •Elba council votes to collect authorized penalties from counties on two uncompleted city projects; •County residents urged to pay garbage fees on or before Oct. 1.

### OCTOBER

**October 5** - "Historical council assumes leadership in New Brockton - Charles B. Cole sworn in as town's first African-American mayor; •New Elba City Council sworn in with Mayor James Grimes and Councilman Ronnie Hammond being the only returnees; •Congress okay's \$2 million for Elba and Geneva levees; •Opp man, Otis Lavagnn Daniels, age 22, charged in Elba shooting; •Gov. Siegelman awards \$48,560 grant to boost flood prevention project in Elba.

**October 12** - "Deputies ask commission for pay raise; •Elba youth dies in vehicle-bicycle collision; •EPD officers and dispatchers receive letter of appreciation from citizen; •County BOE recognizes gifted students during recent meeting; •(Picture) Grandmother and grandson have a close call when the vehicle they were in overturned on Co. Rd. 105 near the Roston Community.

**October 19** - "U. S. Senator Richard Shelby says levee money enroute - The people of Elba and Geneva have waited long enough; •Elba schools score improvement on 2000 Writing Assessment; •Elba Police Department investigating shooting of two Elba men; •(Picture) Elba police cruiser totaled - Officer Charles Driggers narrowly escapes serious injury.

**October 26** - "County Commission okay's \$5,000 for Family Services - garbage collection becoming a problem; •County water authority receives \$6,000 from state; •Kinston man charged with domestic violence in the first degree in connection with an assault on his 5-month-old daughter; •Grand jury clears deputy sheriff of any criminal conduct in fatal crash.

### NOVEMBER

**November 2** - "Dorsey Trailers hires crisis management and turn around consulting firm; •U. S. Sen. announces final approval of funds for Elba and Geneva levees; •Drug arrests on grand jury indictments continue; •Death row inmate (Willie Simmons Jackson - alias Billie Boy) has Rule 32 hearing before Judge Head in Elba.

**November 9** - "County's voters go with Republican Bush-Cheney Ticket for President - William Gammill, Mickey Counts and Kayo Lewis win in run-off election; •County schools' construction pro-

jects going well; •New Brockton Town Council's meeting lengthy - several grant applications discussed by council members; •Elba's Annual Christmas Festival and Parade set for Saturday, November 25.

**November 16** - "Dorsey Trailers in financial strain - employees being asked to make sacrifice; •(Picture) One-vehicle wreck on the Taylor Mill Road fatal to Gregory Kendall Crook, 38; •Coffee County Commission sworn in - Linda Westbrook elected to serve as chairman by fellow commissioners; •Russell William Cuts, Jr., 20, pleads guilty to double murder.

**November 23** - "Elba City BOE updated on student testing; •(Picture) Mickey Counts sworn in as new Circuit Clerk of Coffee County; •Elba High School Counselor Lynn Weeks receives state award; •Alabama State Troopers predict 17 will die during Thanksgiving holiday; •The downtown area of Elba is beginning to look a lot like Christmas as preparations are made for the annual Christmas Festival set for Saturday.

**November 30** - "Dorsey Trailers employees notified of health insurance termination; •Elba City Council hears of problems with hunters shooting in residential areas; •New Brockton police arrest couple on drug trafficking charges; •Abducted Ohio children found in Coffee County returned to families.

### DECEMBER

**December 7** - "Response team organized to assist out-of-work Dorsey employees; •Dorsey Trailers files Chapter 11 bankruptcy; •(Picture) Alberta Martin's Only Living Confederate widow's celebration held; •New Brockton Town Council meets police department's reserve officers and hears proposal from representatives of Enterprise State Junior College on new facility.

**December 14** - "Coffee Commissioners express concerns on jail maintenance; •State Representative Terry Spicer receives appointment from Speaker; •MacArthur Tech to hold meeting for displaced Dorsey Trailers employees; •Charges of assault/domestic violence dismissed against Elba police officer; •Coffee County BOE members sworn in; •Orzak woman found dead in vehicle Tuesday - She was identified as Annette B. Young, age 32.

**December 21** - "This was the Christmas issue of The Elba Clipper. The front page, as is tradition, featured Elba's Christmas Family. For 2000, the Reverend Jonas Rogers Family was selected. Pictured were Reverend Rogers, his wife Virginia and their son Jonas Reymas, age 13. Not pictured was their daughter Shalandra, age 23.

**December 28** - "This issue of The Elba Clipper reviewed events of the past year as recorded on the front pages of the paper.

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

There has been a lot on the news lately about the senseless killing of the sheriff-elect over in Decatur County, GA. near Atlanta. This guy was elected on a platform of cleaning up the county and more particularly the sheriff's office, having already told some 35 employees that he would no longer have a job when he took over. Now we read that he was shot eleven different times with high powered weapons, in the dark. Our first reaction to all this was to think of 1954 and Phoenix City, AL, where Albert Patterson, Sr. was killed after being elected as the new Alabama Attorney General on a similar platform to clean up the crime in Phoenix City. We were just a teenager then, but still have memories of the shock at the stories uncovered and reported in that community as the Alabama National Guard took over and did the needed clean-up chores after Patterson's killing. Hopefully, there will be someone to step forward and complete the project in Decatur County, GA. There are some rumors that the KKK may have been involved in this killing, but it was a black sheriff replacing a black sheriff, which should discount that motive somewhat unless they had a clan candidate who got beat by the "good guys." Our opinion is that someone's whose toes were going to be stepped on did this murder. With eleven shots from several different high powered weapons in his body, the thought here is that, "If we all do it, there will be no one to rat on any one of us for the killing."

A news release received this week from the office of U. S. Representative Bob Riley, (3rd District-Alabama) has his wish list for the coming year. There are five items listed and include removal of the marriage penalty tax; death tax (or inheritance tax) removal; "saving" Social Security; along with improving education and strengthening the national defense. This is a fairly ambitious wish list at best and will be better served if he and his fellow Republicans settle for something less than getting all of each category. The Republicans lost the battle on the death tax elimination last year when the president vetoed it. They could probably have won a modified version just increasing the amount which triggers the tax, rather than trying to completely eliminate it. First the really rich are good whipping boys for bleeding hearts, even though most of them already have ways to avoid the big death taxes. . . look at the Kennedy family, Rockefeller, Melons, etc. However by increasing the base instantly to two million and maybe phasing in up to five million, they could actually help a whole lot of those family farms and small business owners referred to in Mr. Riley's dream plan.

Politicians are also finding in recent months that the American public is not as hot as it once was over private investing of Social Security benefits. The year 2000 drop in many stock market prices has had a negative impact on many private accounts and served as a wake-up call to what might be real security and what would be a real gamble and loss of security for most folks.

If you are in the group that thinks you can get away with not having liability insurance on your car . . . good luck. As of January 1st state officials will begin randomly pulling automobile registrations and checking to see if the owner has the proper insurance. Those who don't have the proper documentation to prove they are complying with the law will be in deep trouble. We suggest you take a carton or two of cigarettes, a six pack or something and get the insurance before they catch you . . . it will be cheaper than buying the insurance AND paying a hefty fine and/or parking your automobile.

A fairly large number of Elba households are about to see a jump in their utility bills right shortly. Sewer connections are mandatory (when available) under a 1998 ordinance passed to get the federal funds for the recently completed sewer system expansion. As part of the process of putting this requirement into actual practice, city crews did some checking on existing sewer lines. There are quite a few residents who apparently never had the charge included on their bill, in spite of the fact some of 20, 30 or more years old. Anyway soon anyone on the sewer collector lines, either new users or "lifers" will see the monthly charge on their utility bills, so get ready folks.

## Area Happenings

**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS.** The City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's. Standby crews will be available to handle emergencies with water, sewer, electrical and street. Call the EPD at 897-2555 to report any emergencies. The garbage pickup schedule will be as follows: Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up on Thursday; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday will remain unchanged. The "box truck" will be available for cardboard box disposal at the recycling center. New Brockton Town Hall will be closed Jan. 1, 2001. Emergency services will be available by calling 894-5559. Garbage collection for the week of New Year's will be Tuesday (Jan. 2) only.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER PLANNED.** On Saturday night, Dec. 30, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will host a New Year's Eve dinner party at National Security's Conference Center beginning at 7 p.m. Prime Rib with all the trimmings will be served. Space is limited, so call the Chamber office today at 897-3125 to make reservations. The cost of the event is \$25 per person.

**BAND BOOSTERS' MEETING.** An Elba High School Band Booster meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, for Band Day preparation. This is a very important meeting. All Band Booster parents are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in the bandroom.

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## From The House...

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## BE ON GUARD AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT

Often times people think identity theft can only happen to others. In fact, more and more Americans, believing they are careful, do fall victim to such fraud. These ordinary, law-abiding citizens have their identities snatched by criminals wired to the Internet, pilfering a

person's trash, or running phone scams. However, there are ways to reduce the likelihood of such an intrusion into your personal financial life.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) stands guard against identity theft, monitoring criminal activity, and offering useful information to protect the public. They recently contacted my office about three scams specifically targeting persons' credit and identity information.

The first concerns the Internet. If

you have an on-line account and receive an e-mail from your Internet Service Provider (ISP) noting that your "account information needs to be updated" or that "the credit card you signed up with is invalid or expired and the information needs to be reentered to keep your account active," it could be a scam. You should contact your ISP directly, rather than responding to the suspicious e-mail.

Another scam is reportedly targeting elderly African-Americans in the South and Midwest, attempting to obtain their personal identifying information. The FTC says that flyers, distributed in churches, placed on car windshields or on senior center bulletin boards, claim that African Americans born before 1928 might be eligible for slave reparations of \$5,000 under a so-called "Slave Reparation Act".

There is no such Act. Seniors should also be on guard against a third scam claiming that those born between 1917 and 1926 can apply for Social Security funds they are due because of a "fix" in the Social Security system. There is no such program at the Social Security Administration.

Seniors are often singled out for identity crimes. The Social Security Administration received 30,000 complaints about such fraud in 1999. In an effort to help protect seniors, Congress passed the Social

Security Number Confidentiality Act (HR 3218) in October and it is now law. It prevents the appearance of Social Security numbers through the envelope windows of unopened Social Security checks, which would otherwise be an invitation for scam artists.

To help protect yourself against identity theft, the FTC recommends never revealing your personal identifying information unless you know exactly who you are dealing with and how it will be used. Verify the details with any government agency that's mentioned in an offer. Pay attention to your billing cycles and call creditors if bills do not arrive on time. Notify creditors by phone immediately if your ID or credit cards are lost or stolen, and call the credit bureaus to have a "fraud alert" placed in your file. It's also a good idea to order a copy of your credit report each year to verify accuracy. You should also make sure that all credit card receipts, copies of credit applications, insurance forms, bank checks, and credit card offers you get in the mail are disposed of properly.

For more information on ways to protect yourself, call the FTC's toll-free hotline at 1-877-382-4357 (1-877-FTC-HELP), or visit the FTC website at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/>. To file an ID theft complaint, call 1-877-438-4338 (1-877-IDTHEFT).

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Lois Wilson, Harro Wilkerson, Richard Kinn, Kevin Johnson, Jordan Kidd, Adrian Lock, Katherine Pierre, Zackery Sawyer, Nonie Marx, James Foster, Terrance Lamb, Allen Belcher, April McAllister, Martha Holland, Katherine Pierre, Christopher LeGear, Miranda Taylor, Nonie Marx, Betty Goodwin, Amanda Henderson, Barbara Truitt, Virginia Grantham, Lamar Killingsworth, Ida Mae Hooks, Marvin Siler, Maggie Boutwell, JoAnn Warren, Carly Cardwell.



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## Commission meeting short and to the point

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held its second bi-monthly December meeting Friday morning in lieu of Christmas morning. Monday, December 25th. In the spirit of the season, the meeting had a short agenda and lasted less than thirty minutes.

Joe Paul Stewart, chairman of the Coffee County Strategic Planning Steering Committee, addressed the commission and offered several suggestions in the form of an outline from the former committee in updating and evaluating the strategic plan.

The first item of the outline dealt with the formation of the committee. It suggested that the commission nominate 14 members to the committee with seven having a one-year term and seven having a two-year term. This would keep persons on the committee versed in what is happening with the strategic plan. The terms of service would begin in January of each year. Members of the commission will serve as honorary members of the committee.

The outline further suggested that the chairman of the committee either be elected by the committee members or appointed by the commission, and that meetings be held

quarterly or as often as necessary to accomplish the mission of making recommendations to the county commission.

The county's strategic plan identifies six broad areas - economic development, education, quality of life, agriculture/agri-business, transportation and communications/technology. It is understood that over time, these areas may be modified to reflect changes which will occur.

As soon as the new committee is organized, it was suggested that during its first meeting, key individuals be asked to brief committee members on matters for which they have responsibility relating to the strategic plan. Such individuals might include County Administrator Wilson Mobley, County Engineer Randy Tindell, certain members of the commission and other individuals.

Stewart concluded his presentation by commenting, "Speaking on behalf of the original steering committee, I believe the utilization of the evaluation committee, representative of each district of our county, will be an invaluable resource for the commission."

Commission Chairperson Linda Westbrook thanked Stewart and told him that the commission would review the outline and act on its

recommendations.

County Engineer Tindell recommended that the intersection of Co. Rds. 549 and 551 be made a four-way stop. He told commissioners that, at the suggestion of a local resident named a survey of the intersection and concluded that a four-way stop was warranted. There is limited sight distance at the intersection. The necessary advisements noting the change will be placed in area newspapers and the road will be posted (stop signs erected) around February 1st.

Commissioners also signed a resolution closing all but approximately 2,950 feet of Co. Rd. 429. Tindell told commissioners that all the legal requirements in doing so had been met and all that was needed was the resolution.

Tindell also informed the commissioners that the contract for replacing the two bridges on Co. Rd. 308 had been let on Friday, December 15th, and work should begin on or about mid February. The cost of replacing the two bridges is estimated at between \$700,000 and \$750,000. The funding will come from the funds generated by the passage of Amendment One in the last election. Murphy Bridge of Troy was awarded the contract.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be held at 9 a.m. Monday, January 8, 2001, in the Community Room of the County Complex located in New Brockton.

In other business, the commission took the following actions:

\*\*\*Signed a resolution commending county extension agents Sandra Coffey and Stan Windham for the work they do in Coffee County. They were recent recipients of state awards for their work as extension agents.

\*\*\*Appointed Enterprise Mayor Tim Alford and Coffee County Commissioner Jim Thompson to serve on the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

\*\*\*Approved sending out bid requests for the lawn care of both the Elba and Enterprise courthouses.

\*\*\*Directed the county engineer to erect signs denoting the Newbia Community in the northwest portion of the county.

## \*NOTICE\*

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## AREA DEATHS

**ELIZABETH SIMMONS GAMBLE.** born Oct. 28, 1914; of Brundidge, Ala., died Dec. 14, 2000.

Funeral services were held Dec. 21, 2000 at County Line Missionary Baptist Church of Brundidge. Burial followed in the County Line Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Gamble was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. O.L. Gamble.

**HAYWARD LANE.**

Mr. Hayward Lane, born July 5, 1947, of Enterprise, Ala., died Dec. 13, 2000 in Marianna, Fla.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23, 2000 from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Dr. V.J. Coleman officiating. Burial followed in the Elam Cemetery of Coffee Springs, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his father: Jessie Lane, Cleveland, Ohio; his mother: Mary Nell (Marvin-BO) Williams, Enterprise; one grandchild: Dozie Lee Hollaway, Rochester, N.Y.; his wife: Quibey Dean Lane, Quincy, Fla.; three daughters: Casandra D. Lane, Quincy, Fla.; Shelly Steward, Enterprise, Felicia Lane, Samson; seven brothers: Clifford Brooks, Rochester, N.Y.; Arthur (Jim) Lee Williams, Hartford, Conn.; Marvin (Boo Boo) Williams Jr., Hartford, Conn.; Robert Williams, Enterprise; Jessie Lane Jr., Cleveland, Ohio; Harold Lane, Enterprise, Terral Lane, Georgia; four sisters: Rose M. Taylor, Bellwood, Ala.; Gertrude A. Williams, Bellwood, Ala.; Annie Laura Thomas, Geneva.

Annie Merle Lane, Cleveland, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

**WILLIE J. STACKHOUSE.** Mr. Willie J. Stackhouse, born March 21, 1932, of Coffee County, Ala., died recently.

Funeral services were held Dec. 20, 2000 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Daryl Caldwell officiating. Burial followed in Elen Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Lizzie Stackhouse, Opp; three sons: Ronnie Stackhouse, Opp, Carlos (Mattie) Stackhouse, Andalusia, Freddie Stackhouse, Opp; four daughters: Peggy Stackhouse, Shelly Stackhouse, Kim Stackhouse and Lola Williams, all of Opp; four brothers: Henry Lee (Lucille) Stackhouse, Elba, Woodrow Stackhouse, Enterprise, James Stackhouse, Opp, Jerry (Flow) Stackhouse, Sarasota, Fla.; three sisters: Sarah Wiggins, Mobile, Lizzy B. Medley, Enterprise, Harrietta (Jesse) Foresight, Samson; two grandchildren, four sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law and other relatives.

**RUBY LEE KILLINGSWORTH.**

Mrs. Ruby Lee Killingsworth, age 73, of 546 County Road 533, New Brockton, Ala., died Dec. 25, 2000 at Medical Center Enterprise. Funeral services were held

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. David Mount officiating. Burial followed in the Center Ridge Methodist Church Cemetery of Troy with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Killingsworth was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Killingsworth, a daughter, Willie Pearl Killingsworth, and a sister, Inez Boutwell.

Survivors include two sons: James Killingsworth, New Brockton, Danny Killingsworth, Brantley; a daughter: Ruby Nell Killingsworth, New Brockton; three brothers: Edgar Hartley, Brundidge, Edward Hartley and Vernon Hartley, both of Jack; five sisters: Eloise Killingsworth, Brundidge, Willie Mae Dyess, Jack, Effie Jo Bray, Troy, Mary Jo Berry, Dothan, Vernetta Boutwell, Jack; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

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## SCHOOLS

## Student Spotlight



**Name:** Katie Elizabeth Dyess  
**Parents:** Dr. Lance K. Dyess and Benita F. Dyess  
**Age:** 15  
**Grade:** 9th  
**Favorite color:** Blue  
**Favorite music:** R&B, Pop Rock, and Contemporary Christian  
**Clubs/Activities:** Jr. Beta, Chi Alpha Mu, and a member of the Drama Team at the First Assembly of God

**Interests/Hobbies:** Going to church, hanging out with friends, and shopping.  
**Personal Quote:** "The only right to criticism is to become perfect first."

Katie Dyess was chosen to be in this week's student spotlight.

Katie's favorite subject in school is science. She enjoys the experiments that she gets to perform during this class.

The one thing that she likes most about Elba High School is how much time you spend in a single class. Katie would like to be able to take French; however, EHS does not have this class available to students.

After she graduates, she plans on attending college.

Her most memorable moment at school was the night we played Gulf Shores. She stated that there was magic in the air as the Elba Tigers regained their spirit.



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Bethany Dye  
Amanda  
Beerenstrauch

## TIGER BRIEFS

## I Don't Feel So Well...

by Cammie Kelley

Coughing and sniffing are the most common sounds heard at EHS lately. During the weeks of Nov. 27 - Dec. 10, 239 students from the high school alone were absent. At the elementary school, 93 students were absent in one day's time. There are several precautions that one can take to avoid getting sick this time of year.

1. Wash your hands at least 6 times a day.
2. If you are running a fever, do not attend school.
3. Be sure to get an annual flu shot.
4. Do not share drinks, food, or toothbrushes with someone else.

If one does all of these things, he will certainly be on the safe side. Protect yourself from sickness and have a healthy winter season.

**Brandon Kelley** - A hot date with Tyra Banks

**Ron Hill** - A night on the town with Debra Cox

**Clark Skinner** - clothes

**Lance Kelley** - A four wheeler and a Play Station 2

**Lance Cross** - A Play Station 2

**Meredith English** - A Labrador dog

**Marcus Henderson** - money, skills like Vince Carter, and a Cadillac

**Candace Anderson** - Diamonds

**Jeffrey Fuller** - A 14-point back Jason Gully - The voice of Brian McKnight

**Neil Grantham** - The Pimp (Job's Impala)

**Job Bowers** - Rims for the Pimp

**Mrs. Wise's** second grade class recently raised money to buy gifts for the Children's Hospital in Birmingham. The students had a lesson on kindness and compassion for others as part of their character education class. Mrs. Wise asked them to bring in any loose change that they had from the month of October through November. At the end of the month, they had collected \$90. Games, art supplies, and toys were bought for the playrooms at the hospital. Each student made a Christmas card to send with the gifts.

**Gifts For Children's Hospital**

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## The Reason for the Season

by Bethany Dye

Christmas. It's everyone's favorite time of the year. Or is it? Why is Christmas so appealing? This holiday means many different things to many different people. For some, it may be a happy time full of family, parties, gifts, and fun. For others, they might consider Christmas a very depressing or empty holiday. For me, the meaning of Christmas has a lot to do with the Word itself.

"Christmas" comes from a word

meaning "Christ's mass." Webster defines Christmas as "a Christian feast on December 25 that commemorates the birth of Christ." Hmm... the birth of Christ. What does that phrase, so often taken for granted, really mean? To me, Jesus truly demonstrates his love for the world in leaving His perfect Heaven to come down to Earth to make it possible for us to have a relationship with the father. All in all, I consider Christmas a celebration of

peace, hope, and love. We give gifts to the people we care about, just as God has given us the greatest gift of all. Christmas is also a time of reuniting with family. Before Jesus was born, the world had not heard a word from God in over 4000 years. Jesus bridged the gap and rejoined man to His creator.

So, whatever you plan to do during the Christmas holidays, take time to think about what Christmas really means to you.

## What do you want for Christmas?

by Hunter Branch

Every Christmas everybody wants something special for Christmas. Some students at Elba High thought the Journalism Staff what they wanted.

**Brandon Kelley** - A hot date with Tyra Banks

**Ron Hill** - A night on the town with Debra Cox

**Clark Skinner** - clothes

**Lance Kelley** - A four wheeler and a Play Station 2

**Lance Cross** - A Play Station 2

**Meredith English** - A Labrador dog

**Marcus Henderson** - money, skills like Vince Carter, and a Cadillac

**Candace Anderson** - Diamonds

**Jeffrey Fuller** - A 14-point back Jason Gully - The voice of Brian McKnight

**Neil Grantham** - The Pimp (Job's Impala)

**Job Bowers** - Rims for the Pimp

**Mrs. Wise's** second grade class recently raised money to buy gifts for the Children's Hospital in Birmingham. The students had a lesson on kindness and compassion for others as part of their character education class. Mrs. Wise asked them to bring in any loose change that they had from the month of October through November. At the end of the month, they had collected \$90. Games, art supplies, and toys were bought for the playrooms at the hospital. Each student made a Christmas card to send with the gifts.

**Gifts For Children's Hospital**

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Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Another Christmas has come and gone, and even though our girls are now 17 and 11, it was fun to see their faces on Christmas morning when they opened their gifts and saw what kind of surprises Santa had left behind. Neither one got everything they wanted, but they did have a very Merry Christmas, and we all gave thanks for our many blessings.

## TAKING A FEW FREE SHOTS....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers bounced back from an opening round loss in the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament to close out the holidays with two big wins over Zion Chapel and Brantley, and hit the break with a surprising 5-3 record. The Tigers' losses have come to undefeated G.W. Long (twice) and 6A Enterprise, while among the wins are big road wins at Opp and New Brockton, as well as home court wins over two very good teams in Georgiana and Brantley. Coach Karl Bledsoe and his players have worked hard early in the season to improve in all areas, and it showed last week in Elba's big win over Brantley. The Tigers scored almost at will inside as junior center John Mitchell scored 33 points and grabbed 21 rebounds, while Marcus Henderson made the move to point guard a smooth transition, and the Tiger defense really did a number on the explosive Brantley attack. I know that some hard times could be ahead for this young bunch of Tigers, but if they improve as much over the remainder of the season as they did over the opening four weeks, this could be a team to watch as the post-season party draws near.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers made it look easy in winning the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament and then survived a real battle against Brantley to enter the holiday break with an 8-2 record. The Lady Tigers pounded Ariton 54-25 in the tournament opener and have now handed the Lady Cats their only two losses of the season, while in the championship game every player dressed out got in on the fun as they rolled past the Lady Rebels 57-36. Elba had to come back down to earth quickly for their battle against Brantley, but managed to rally in the second half and then hold on late to escape with a hard fought 46-42 win. The Lady Tigers are off to their best start ever, and if they can keep their starters healthy, it looks like a banner year ahead for Coach Leroy Carmley and his squad. Believe me...these girls can play.

\*\*\* The holiday break gives me a chance to look back at the start of the 2000-2001 season and take a better look at the teams in the area. Brantley got off to a 2-0 start and was ranked in the Top 10 in Class 1A, but the Bulldogs are very young and will have to really work hard in practice and in every single game if they hope to post a winning record. Kinston has found the wins few and far between early on, but these Bulldogs are also young and inexperienced, and will have to get some on-the-job training as they try to find the right combination that they hope will lead to wins. New Brockton knew it was in for a rebuilding season, and that has certainly been the case as the Gamecocks have struggled at times and were able to post only one win prior to the break. Zion Chapel also managed to grab one win in early-season action, but the Rebels simply aren't blessed with a lot of basketball talent, and will have to win with hard work and determination. All four of the teams in the area might be down this season, but all four give it all they have every time they hit the court, and deserve the support of their fans.

\*\*\* While most of the attention locally is focused on the Prep Holiday Classic over in Dothan, a tournament that has grown by leaps and bounds in three short years is underway over in Red Level. The Red Level Christmas Tournament includes eight boys teams and eight girls teams, and there is more than enough action for even the biggest sports fan every day of the event. The tournament bracket guarantees all teams in the tournament three games, win or lose, and that is what holiday tournaments are all about. If the players and coaches are to give up their holiday time to play in a tournament, at least get something out of it, and by playing three games in four days there is no way every single team won't get something out of the tournament. While anything can happen, it looks to me like maybe Opp against T.R. Miller and Georgiana against Red Level in the boys' semifinals, and T.R. Miller against Andalusia and Pleasant Home against Red Level in the girls' semifinals. The folks over in Dothan may not agree, but this tournament will be every bit as exciting as the Classic.

\*\*\* The Malone Tigers traveled up to Enterprise last week and left with an impressive win over the 6A Wildcats. While the game might not sound like a news event to most of the folks in the area, it was, and here is why....(1) Malone has a total of 21 seniors in its school, yet still beat 6A Enterprise on its home court, and (2) Malone is coached by Elba's Ken English, who still maintains a home north of Elba, but lives in Florida during the school year. Coach English returned to coaching at Malone after years in private business, and has certainly lived up to the success expected by the Tiger fans as this year's team improved its record to 7-1 with the win. Good luck, Coach, and good luck over in Dothan this week in the Prep Classic.

\*\*\* The Elba Junior High Tigers closed their season last week over in Andalusia, and while two of three junior high teams lost their final games of the season, it was quite a season for all three teams. The 8th grade boys posted a 10-4 record, while the 8th grade girls closed with a 9-5 slate, and the 7th grade boys lost their final game and finished the season with a 9-1 record. These players start their season early and end it early, but their combined record of 28-10 certainly made the 2000 season one of the best ever.

\*\*\* In closing...everywhere Elba Tiger fans go they are asked about the coaching situation in football. It is kind of funny that all the talk is being done by the people that will have no say so in the matter. However, the guess here is that the Tigers could very well have a new head coach before the 2001 season, which would mark the fourth coaching change since the retirement of Mack Wood. Only time will tell, and when that time comes, I will let you know.

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## Roll past Ariton and Zion Chapel

## Lady Tigers bring home tourney title

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament last weekend at Zion Chapel High School and posted two impressive wins to bring home the tournament championship.

The Lady Tigers, which upped their record to 7-2 with the wins, opened the three-team event with a 54-25 win over Ariton, then claimed the tournament title by rolling past Zion Chapel 57-36.

Following are highlights of the two tourney wins:

## OPENING ROUND:

## ELBA 54

## ARITON 25

The Elba Lady Tigers opened a close game with a second half explosion as they buried the Ariton Purple Cats 54-25, in the opening round of the annual holiday tourney.

The Lady Tigers fell behind 4-0 early, but cut the lead to 4-2 with 6:21 remaining in the first quarter on a baseline jumper by LaGina Mack, and then moved on top 6-4 with 4:51 left in the quarter after two buckets inside by Roshanda McKinnon. Ariton hung close and pulled within 8-7 with 3:39 still left on the clock, but the Lady Tigers got their fast-break on track late in the stanza and pulled out to a 13-7 lead after one quarter of action.

The pace slowed down in the second quarter as Elba's Roshanda McKinnon and Danae Ware both went to the bench with two fouls. However, the Lady Tigers remained in command, and moved ahead 18-12 on a long three-pointer by LaGina Mack with 4:30 left in the half. Ariton staged a late rally to pull even at 18-18 with 1:48 remaining, but Elba scored the final two baskets of the half, and went in at intermission with a slim 22-18 lead.

Elba freshman Ayonna Proctor nailed a three-pointer to open the second quarter to give the Lady Tigers a 25-18 bulge, and the quarter belonged to the Lady Tigers as they dominated play on both ends of the court, and held the Lady Cats scoreless for almost seven minutes as they opened up a 33-18 advantage!

Elba, led by Roshanda McKinnon and Rachel Bludsworth inside,

## 8th grade Tigers edge Andy

## Junior High basketball teams put wraps on winning season

The Elba Junior High basketball teams closed out their seasons last week in Andalusia, and while the 8th grade Tigers were the only team able to post a win on the road, all three teams closed out the season with winning records.

The 8th grade Tigers defeated Andalusia 45-44 to finish with a 10-4 record, while the 7th grade Tigers suffered their first loss of the season 29-21 and closed out the season with a 9-1 record, and the 8th grade Lady Tigers dropped a 32-23 decision to close out the season with a 9-5 record.

Following are highlights of last week's games:

## 8TH GRADE BOYS

## ELBA 45

## ANDY 44

The Elba 8th grade Tigers staged a furious fourth quarter rally to claim an exciting 45-44 win over Andalusia. The Tigers saw Andalusia use a big third quarter to take a 34-28 advantage. However, Elba went on a furious fourth quarter surge and regained the lead late and then held on to escape with the narrow 45-44 win. Jessie Thigpen poured in 28 points to lead Elba, while Watson led Andalusia with 12 points.

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Elba Lady Tiger freshman Ayonna Proctor (14) toes the three-point line in action last week in the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament. Proctor scored 19 points to lead the Lady Tigers to a big 54-25 opening round win over Ariton.

## Lady Tigers survive dog fight with Brantley 46-42

The Elba Lady Tigers used a big third quarter to grab the lead and held on late to escape with a hard fought 46-42 win over the Brantley Bulldogs, last Tuesday night in Elba.

The win improved the Lady Tigers' record to 8-2, while the Lady Bulldogs slipped to 3-2 with the loss.

The Lady Bulldogs came out looking for an upset against the Lady Tigers, and behind the early scoring of Precious Wiley matched Elba's Roshanda McKinnon began to take charge inside in the second quarter and closed the half with 12 points. However, the Lady Bulldogs never backed up from the challenge, and went in at the half with a 21-20 lead after a late bucket by Lacy Johnson.

Elba's LaGina Mack heated up

from behind the arc in the third quarter and drilled three long range three-pointers to spark the Lady Tigers as they regained the lead at 39-34, and the Lady Tigers held on down the stretch to turn back Brantley and claim the 46-42 win.

Roshanda McKinnon scored 20 points and LaGina Mack added 12 to lead Elba, while Tiffany McClain led Brantley with 11 points and Precious Wiley added 10.

Elba (46): McKinnon 20, Proctor 2, Bludsworth 7, Ware 2, Killcrease 3, Mack 12.

Brantley (42): M. Burnett 2, Johnson 8, McClain 11, P. Wiley 10, T. Burnett 6, T. Wiley 5.

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## SPORTS

## Fall to G.W. Long in opening round

## Tigers rip Rebels 64-39 to grab 3rd

The Elba Tigers competed in the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament last week at Zion Chapel High School, and bounced back from an opening round loss to G.W. Long to defeat Zion Chapel to bring home consolation honors.

The Tigers dropped their opener in the four-team event to G.W. Long 55-48, but then rallied in the consolation game to place third with an easy 64-39 win over Zion Chapel.

Following are highlights of both games:

## OPENING ROUND:

## G.W. LONG 55

## ELBA 48

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never caught up last Monday night as they were defeated by the G.W. Long Rebels 55-48, in the opening round of the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament.

The loss dropped the Tigers' record to 3-3, while the Rebels improved to 8-0 with the win.

Elba's John Mitchell scored from inside early in the opening stanza to pull the Tigers within 4-2 with 6:33 left in the quarter, however, it was one of only two Tiger baskets scored over the entire opening

quarter, as Elba managed only six points and trailed 13-6 heading into the second quarter.

Derrick Brooks nailed a long three-pointer and then added two free-throws early in the second quarter as the Tigers closed to within 13-11, and Brooks added another long distance three with 1:45 remaining to keep the Tigers within two points at 21-19.

G.W. Long closed the half with a flurry, however, and at intermission the Tigers went in trailing the Rebels 27-19.

Elba picked up its intensity in the third quarter and behind the play of Marcus Henderson and John Mitchell went on an 8-2 run to cut the Rebels' lead to 33-29 with 1:49 remaining in the quarter. Mitchell tipped in a missed shot with :01 remaining, but it only served to put an end to a 6-0 Rebel run, as the Tigers entered the fourth quarter on the short end of a 39-31 score.

G.W. Long came out determined to put the pesky Tigers away early in the final stanza and moved on top 44-33 with 6:49 remaining in the game, then extended its lead to 53-38 with 2:21 remaining. Marcus Henderson and John Mitchell sparked an 8-0 Tiger spurt that pulled Elba within 53-46 with :30

going on a 13-4 run to open up a big 22-11 lead with 5:45 still left in the half.

The Tiger surge was led by John Mitchell, who dominated the Bulldogs inside, and scored 8 of Elba's 13 points to help give the Tigers the big early lead.

A lay-up by Brantley's Greg Daniels pulled the Bulldogs within 22-13, but Elba wasn't about to let the Bulldogs back in the game, and led by the inside play of John Mitchell and the ball-handling skills of Marcus Henderson, the Tigers went on an 11-0 run to take a

shocking 33-13 advantage with 1:54 remaining in the half.

Elba's lead stood at 36-16 with 58 left after a short jumper by Tim Andrews, and even though the Bulldogs scored the final five points of the half, Elba went in at intermission with a solid 36-21 advantage.

Brantley began to chip away at the Elba lead in the third quarter and pulled to within 44-36 with 6:58 remaining in the fourth quarter after a pair of free-throws by Antonio Turner. The Bulldogs' rally woke up the Tigers, however, and Elba responded with a 13-0 surge that gave the Tigers a 57-36 lead with 3:02 remaining on the clock.

The fourth quarter fireworks were ignited by John Mitchell and Bart Barnes, who combined for 11

points, and Elba's lead stood at 68-36 with 1:10 left in the quarter.

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Brantley (41): Owens 2, Daniels 8, Wiley 3, Turner 17, Person 6, Burnett 5.

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still left on the clock, but the Tigers could get no closer, as G.W. Long held on late to post the 55-48 win.

John Mitchell scored 16 points and Derrick Brooks added 15 to lead Elba, while Brian Johnson led G.W. Long with 25 points.

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# Dear Santa,

(After checking our list twice, Santa discovered that some of his letters did not make last week's edition of The Elba Clipper. Santa read each of these letters very carefully before making his trip on Christmas Eve, and he wanted all of The Elba Clipper's readers to have a chance to read them as well. After all, the children of this area are very special to Santa!)

## JACK IN A BOX DAYCARE

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a firetruck and a tractor. Santa, please drive slow when you come by my house cause my daddy has radar! I'll leave you some milk and cookies.  
Thank you Santa, Blake Cobb

Dear Santa,  
A big Teddy Bear to hug would be nice. A truck and tractor to play with too. I'll leave you milk and cookies under my tree. Sorry if the cookies are not good.  
Thank you Santa, Colten

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me basketball and a dog. I really would like a little shopping buggy to play with. I'll leave you milk and cookies under my tree.  
Thank you Santa, Haley

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a tea set, a doll and lots of surprises. I really would like some dress up clothes and hats to play with. I'll leave you some milk and one cookie - I ate the rest of the cookies - I'm sorry.  
Thank you Santa, Emily Muldoon

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bottle for a dollie, a puzzle, a tea set, a swing. Bring my Maw Maw a swing for her yard too. Please bring Maw Maw Mary Alice some candy kisses. I'll leave you milk and cookies under my

some doll clothes too. I would like bows for my hair and something nice for my mama. I left milk and cookies on the coffee table for you.  
Thank you Santa, Sidney

Dear Santa,  
I need new toys and a pretty doll but most of all tell my Maw Maw Jan I need to follow around with her at Day Care - not be left in my class room. I hope you like these cookies and milk I am leaving for you.  
Thank you Santa, Bryson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a kitty and a little gray truck that is just about my size to ride on. Bring Mommy some brand new candles. Bring Tess some baby toys. Bring Maw some candles. Bring Paw new work tools.  
Thank you Santa, Dalton Sikes

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie Bike and a Barbie Book Bag and a Barbie Radio. Bring Amber a Barbie skirt. Please bring my mommy candy and please bring my daddy some candles.  
Thank you Santa, Madison Grissett

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some baby dolls, some Barbie cars and some Barbie clothes. Bring my sister some little clothes because she's a newborn baby. Bring my mommy lots of stuff. Bring my daddy some boots.  
Thank you Santa, Jencie Allen

Dear Santa,  
I would like a kitchen and a horse and a book with Santa in it. Bring my mommy a new shirt. Bring my daddy some boots. Bring Lindsey a Barbie house. Bring Lawson some blocks.  
Thank you Santa, Shelby Sorrells

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie Jeep and a Barbie motorcycle that is pink. Bring me a puppy. Bring Daddy new boots. Bring Mommy a new pink dress. Bring Kayla a bicycle and a new shirt.  
Thank you Santa, Karri Hurd

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a new bicycle because I do not want my old one. Bring me a Army jeep. Bring Maw brand new cowgirl suit, and new cowgirl boots. Bring Mr. Larry a bull-dozer and my dog named "Skip".  
Thank you Santa, Ryan Nelson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a dolly and a Barbie house and a Barbie bed. Bring Nana new candles. Bring Papa some cowboy boots. Bring Maw a new dress. Bring Daddy some new shoes.  
Thank you Santa, Madison Bedsole

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me new cowboy rope, and new candles and a new house for my mom. Bring Daddy cowboy clothes, cowboy rope and cowboy boots. Bring Paul the same as me and Daddy.  
Thank you Santa, Cody Gibson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me nails like my mommy, a Scooby Doo car with cookies in it. Bring Daddy tools, bring Mommy a new candles, bring Arielle a doll, bring Maw Maw and Paw Paw new clothes, bring Nana and Grandpa a new tape they can watch. Bring Aunt Kay and Uncle TyTy switches.  
Thank you Santa, Destinee Lowry

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big dozer and a big tractor and cowboy hat and clothes and boots. Bring Maw some candles. Bring Daddy new clothes and cowboy boots and a cowboy hat. Bring Courtney cowgirl boots and cowgirl clothes.  
Thank you Santa, Taylor Napper

Dear Santa,  
I would like a snow board, and a scooter that has 1 wheel in the front and 1 wheel in the back for Christmas and I need a helmet for the scooter. I want a jersey that has my last name on it, and I want the number on my jersey to be 86. I want some dress up clothes for Christmas. I want a teacher set and make sure that everything says Mrs. Hawkins. I want some Santa clothes.  
Love, Aubrey Hawkins

Dear Santa,  
I want a M&M car, bring Daddy something black, bring Mommy a candle, bring my sister something chocolate, bring my brother a flash light.  
Thank you Santa, Heidi McLeod

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dump truck, and a tractor and candy. Bring my daddy a surprise, bring my mommy some candy too.  
Thank you Santa, Jordan Turner

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dolly with no hair and a Scooby-doo speaker, and a Scooby-doo bow for my hair that is pink and purple. Bring Mommy a pretty candle. Bring Daddy new boots. Bring my "Donny" some new coffee cups.  
Thank you Santa, Whitney Rugg

MRS WHITTAKER'S CLASS  
2ND GRADE - NEW BROCKTON

Dear Santa,  
I want some racecar boxers. I want a scooter that has 1 wheel in the front and 1 wheel in the back for Christmas and I need a helmet for the scooter. I want a jersey that has my last name on it, and I want the number on my jersey to be 86. I want some dress up clothes for Christmas. I want a teacher set and make sure that everything says Mrs. Hawkins. I want some Santa clothes.  
Love, Jessica Bell

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a doll and a dog with a doll for Christmas, for Christmas I want a horse for Christmas and a coloring book for Christmas, and I want a pony for Christmas, a pony with a horse with it for Christmas.  
Love, Megan Jones

Dear Santa,  
I want a gigo set and a Nintendo game and a race car set to, the Backstreet Boys CD. I want a big swimming pool.  
Love, Kayla Purvis

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot dog and a robot cat. I won't a skelter and a c.d. I won't a tv and a cash register. I won't a new pair of shoes and pair of bed-drum shoes and a bullstole, and I won't a teachers set and I won't some santa close and I won't a big doll.  
Love, Bethany McWaters

Dear Santa,  
I want a pony for Christmas, and a Kindergarten baby for Christmas. A Kindergarten water baby for Christmas. A Kindergarten baby that sells for Christmas. A Barbie doll it has a dog it is brown. Hot Shosh Hether, the Power Puff girls Blossom.  
Love, Brittainy B.

Dear Santa,  
I want a swimming pool and a baby sister and a baby brother too, and a baby doll that eats and a new three story house and a phone to go in my room and a puppy that was just born and a tv to go in my room and a new c.d.  
Love, Amanda Danielle Allums

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike on a gun for my brother and a baciball and a beding, and a waging and a house and a sweening pull and a toy dera and a toy rabi and a trull and a box of cayons ayetes wagam and candy.  
Love, Stephen

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and a tv for Christmas. I have a lot more things the things are a basket goal a tot around tv and a bobit extreme. Something else I want is a doll that eats real. Another thing is a dancing debbie doll. This is the very last thing I want Santa and it is a puppy dog. Santa that is what I want for Christmas.  
Love, Megan Jones

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a dimaomed ring and necklis from you Santa. I want some leather pants and some bechin stacks. For Christmas I want a 30 Alomamon scooter from your elfs Santa. I want a four wheeler from you. I want a race car cash restester. I want a milloin dollars from you and your elfs. I want a pichachow bookbag from the elfs. I want some p.j.s and slippers from the wonderful elfs. I want a pair of Arizona jeans.  
Love, Kayla Purvis

Dear Santa,  
NTN0 64 game box car beh gun, game for my pla st shn, too pack, 2 and tone back, elerm clock.  
Love, Nick

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas and I want some games for my 64 but I don't want cold. I think Santa is real but another children think you is not real and I love you. I want to see you but I have to go to sleep. Tell raindaers ha. I hope you no where I live and drive safe. When you get home tell the elfs that they did a good job on the toys and they worked hard on the boys.  
Love, Janicah

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a pack of race cars, and I want a bowinarrow, and I want a new bed, and I want the c.d. black and blue, and I want a new baseball, and I want a 100 dollar bill, and I want some snow to come down, and I want some tickes to the foodballgame, and I want some Nike shoes.  
Love, Brandon C.

Dear Santa,  
I want a cool babe for Christmas. I want a basketball for Christmas. I want a baby doll thats talk for Christmas. I want a Li'l bach baby for Christmas. I want a game for Christmas. I want a bike for Christmas. I want a baby doll that's can walk and eat for Christmas. I want lots of clothes for Christmas.  
Love, Belinda Jones-Pitt

Dear Santa,  
I want a Logo Space Misson for Christmas. I want a dog for Christmas. I do not want a cat. I want a dog. I want a Power Ranger high Speed Rescue Train.  
Love, Shelby

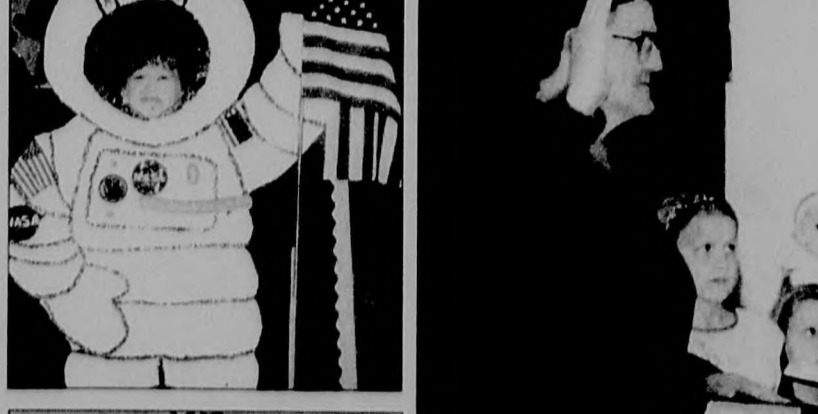
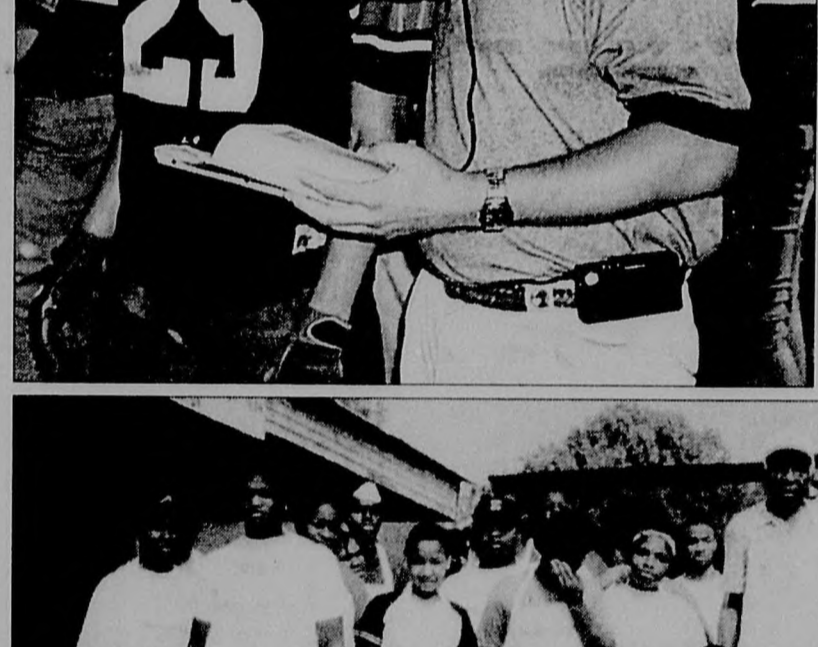
Dear Santa,  
I want a new game and some new cloths. And a toy And a jet that can fly. And I want some coly.  
Love, KC-undig

SESSONS' CLASS  
KINSTON ELEMENTARY

Dear Santa,  
I want a man want tins into a dinosaur and I want a calculatorator

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## January 1 brings changes for mandatory liability insurance

January 1 rings in the second phase of Alabama's mandatory liability insurance requirements as the Alabama Department of Revenue begins its weekly mailing of some 1,500 insurance verification survey forms to vehicle owners.

State Revenue Commissioner Michael Patterson also reminds vehicle owners that in addition to the survey requirements, 2001 brings two new requirements to the state's motor vehicle registration process.

First, owners registering their vehicles after Jan. 1, 2001, will be required to provide their driver's license number or their identification card number issued by the Alabama Department of Public Safety (§32-6-4, Code of Alabama 1975) to county tag-issuing officials at the time of registration.

Companies or other business entities registering commercial vehicles will be required to provide the company's or business' federal employer identification number (FEIN) to county officials.

The identification numbers will not be shown on the motor vehicle receipt, but will be recorded in confidential state and county motor vehicle databases. The Revenue Department is required to use this identification information to carry out its mandatory liability insurance compliance responsibilities," explained Patterson.

The second requirement involves the vehicle owner's written affirmation of insurance coverage. The owner's signature on the registration receipt will indicate that the information shown on the registration receipt is correct and that the

vehicle is properly insured. No insurance proof documents will be required at the time of registration. The owner's signature is the only requirement.

What can one expect if randomly selected as one of 80,000-plus vehicle owners surveyed annually for insurance coverage? Owners will be mailed a short one-page survey/questionnaire, identifying the particular vehicle selected for insurance verification, and will be asked to fill in the following information on the survey form:

- name of the insurance company (NOT AGENT'S NAME) which has insured that particular vehicle
- address and telephone number of the insurance company
- vehicle's insurance policy number
- effective date and expiration date of the vehicle policy.

Once completed, owners will sign and mail the completed surveys to the address shown on the provided pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope within 30 calendar days from the date shown on the survey form. Individuals may also return the information by fax or by Internet. Failure to respond to the survey can result in suspension of the motor vehicle's registration.

Once the department receives the returned surveys, we will begin the verification process," said Patterson. "If an owner is found not to have insurance, the owner will be notified and the vehicle's tag registration will be suspended. To reinstate the registration, the owner must provide proof of insurance to the Revenue Department at the time of reinstatement and pay a \$100

registration reinstatement fee for the first-time suspensions."

"After one year, the department will again survey vehicle owners who were found without insurance. Subsequent offenses carry a mandatory four-month tag suspension, a \$200 reinstatement fee, proof of insurance at the time of reinstatement and will require a vehicle owner to maintain liability insurance for three years," said Patterson.

In addition to the random surveys conducted by the department, Patterson points out that Alabama's mandatory liability insurance law stipulates that registrations of vehicles owners whose licenses have been suspended or revoked for any reason after Jan. 1, 2001, or who have been convicted for driving without insurance after Jan. 1, 2001, will automatically be added to the survey pool.

Certain vehicle categories are specifically exempted from Alabama's mandatory liability insurance law and will not be subject to insurance verification. Exempt vehicles include: semitrailers, travel trailers, utility trailers, government-owned vehicles, for-hire trucking companies regulated by the Public Service Commission, and off-road vehicles such as road graders, etc.

For more information concerning Alabama's Mandatory Liability Insurance Law and the Department of Revenue's related responsibilities, contact the department's Mandatory Liability Insurance Section of the Motor Vehicle Division at (334) 353-2100, or visit the department's Web site at [www.ador.state.al.us](http://www.ador.state.al.us).



**ANOTHER CLOSE CALL...**In recent weeks, the sharp curve on AL Hwy. 134 at the intersection of Coffee County Road 410 in the Ino Community has been the scene of several wrecks. On Monday, an eighteen wheeler driven by Robert Chet Holland, 28, of Kinston approached the curve from the east and rolled over on its side. The tractor-trailer (dry-freight trailer) belonging to Pault Wholesale Groceries was loaded with grocery products. The driver was taken to Opp Mizell Memorial Hospital by a unit of Coffee County EMS where he was treated for minor injuries and released. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Trooper Dale Cobb.

## Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,  
I Whent a bgamboldior and whenamaordyete that I whent a go cant and gameboy clor games some pokemon and racing foot bal. and nintindoe 64 and motorcycle 64 pokemon snap.  
Dillon

Dear Santa,  
I want a Betty Spgety and want Makup Mindy. And I want my second front teeth. And I want a new go-cart. What do you call a bug that owns a rabbit. A bugsbunny.  
Ashley

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirtbike. I wut it to be red. A want a pair rubber boots I wui a hemto. I want it to be red.  
Jake

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Doll. I want ice crim makro I want Makeup and dress up clothes and some carring and a cat and bike. And a Santa's hat.  
Brooke

Dear Santa,  
I whant a cd case. I whant cd's. I want a bike. I want new shoes and new dress. I want makeover creation. I whant collectibles barby. I whant a bate fish.  
Up on the foohouse top raiindeer falls, out jumps good old Sata Clas down throu chimnee with lots of toys all for the lite boy and girls ho, ho, ho, who wodn't go ho, ho, ho, who wodn't go. Oa up on the house top click click dont throu the chimnee with good San K nick.  
From Sara

Dear Santa,  
I whanta toy car set Santa, and what some whater guns and I whant some Nindo game and some football games and I whant a baseball game to and I whant a dirdike and i whant a speed dirt bike so fast this bike i love so much can have are other thang i love so much

a toy man about two one then no mama and dad i love and sis so much so much so much! I want a game caled gameboy coloe!  
Wesley

Dear Santa,  
Whita my Mom and dad tilsyou what to get me I will stell like it es I love you Santa you are the Best, santa I Love you. i whalt a taco bell dog that will be all.  
Whitney

Dear Santa,  
I would love to have a ran new bike with no training wheels and a big water gun that is all I can think of. CB I just about forgot I was going to tell you a joke here. It goes what do you get when you cross a laughing hyena with a parrot? An animal tha laughs at It's own jokes.  
Jim

Dear Santa,  
I Love you Santa, you are the best of all. But i love you to? I will be a very good girl.  
Derrian

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy. I want a remote control car. I want a betty spgty, i want a Barbrey. I want you to surpris me. I want a body Doll. I want 100000,00,00,00,00. Want do you get whe a dog eat cat food? Ancer cat dog  
Macah

Dear Santa,  
I want a race track. And I want a game boy color. And I want a skat board. And i want football. And I want a big water gun. And I want a bug book. I want a scope for my gun. I want a fishing pole and a fishinget. And I want a Video game for my titendo 64. And I want a lots of game boy color games.  
Hunter Anderson

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a horse very much and I hope I get it will be grat. I want a Playhouseples. And I want A 100,000 DOLLARS! AND i want a diamond. But wuth I want most of all is to see Kristen!!! And I

want gooseBumps mooves and i want TOY Story 2 and the little mermaidZnetern to the sea! And I want a car and hum I want a trampoline. Game boy color and I want to have Christmas with miye family. And I want a whole thing of light bugs.  
Canery

Dear Santa,  
I want a big tete bear. I want a big colt are big cat. I want a baby cat a really baby cat.I want a boy bog a real boy bog. I want a baaby gerl cat a real gerl cat. I want a boy baby bog a real baby d. I want a racetrack. h and a Merxy Crismes happy Crismos happy maves and I want a lot ur goosbums mooves.  
Courtney

Dear Santa,  
I wanta go car and a dirt bike. I want a cat to and I want a necklace to. i want a horse for me and kevil and Amy and Shawn. I want a gameboy color.  
Aaran Rachel

Dear Santa,  
I a Tommy Hillsirt and a dahug for you and agame boy with a big Max Stears and a 4 wheeler on asston man and a Kateborro and Video I love you Santa kulose and I will see you next year.  
Trent

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike. What do you get if you put hot water down a bonnie hot, cross bonnies All I want for crismas is my pt front teeth I front teeth ho ho ho rodofh shiney nose. and antler get it ant, lers the ant lers.  
Thanks, Kes  
Jonathon Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I want war gun to play wite my brother. I want dirt bikr. I wate a hot gun I am 8 yrs old my Dad wod like a rifoll. I wod lik a go krt. I wod like a troplen I would like  
Asrd  
Trey Harrison



**EHS STUDENTS HELP...**The Operation Santa Claus project, which was sponsored by the Elba Recreation Department, was aided this year by the efforts of students at Elba High School. The EHS Student Government Association held a toy drive and donated the many gifts collected to the local HRDC (Human Resources Development Corporation). HRDC then donated the toys to Operation Santa Claus. These items collected by the students at EHS, along with the many other donations received by Operation Santa Claus, were distributed to families last Thursday in an effort to create a Merry Christmas for some less fortunate children of the area. Pictured from the left are: Neil Grantham, Brandy Davis, Chelsea Cooper, Indya Lawless - Project Coordinator for the Elba Recreation Department, Jeffrey Fuller, Dottie Strickland - coordinator for the Elba office of HRDC, and Ross Adkinson.

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